



Tribute Devon League 1



Plymouth Argaum Chiefs

versus

OPM RFC



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FOUNDED 1926

Saturday 21st September 2019

Bickleigh Down – kick-off 3pm

Match Programme: £1 when sold separately

Plymouth Argaum Chiefs		OPM	
From:	15	From:	
John Paul Browning	14	Milo	
Chris Jones	13	Jake Aquilina	
Karl Sullivan	12	Liam Opie	
Nick Hancock	11	Daniel Adams	
William Lloyd	10	Wallace Garratt	
Seb Thomas	9	Matthew Morgan	
Chris Langley	8	Ben Neville	
Dai Rhys Williams	7	Pete Edward	
Tom Holliday	6	Sam Matts	
Jack Morris	5	Ollie	
Ben Baggot	4	Darren Ewers	
Jamie Fellows	3	Matthew Thompson	
Andy Critchley	2	Chris Harmer	
Tom Shepherd	1	Jake Neville	
Mike Hunt		Fred Smale New	
Tom B		Corbin Turner	
Dan Humphries	16	Lewis Harmer	
Gideon	17	Simon Bray	
JJ Von Hagen	18	Josh Stevenson	
		Daniel Bristow	

Match official(s):

Harry Groves (PRRS)

Other Fixtures Today in Devon 1

Buckfastleigh Ramblers v Dartmouth

Tamar Saracens v New Cross

Torrington v Ilfracombe

Totnes v Exeter Saracens

Withycombe v Old Technicians

Welcome to Bickleigh Down

Welcome to Bickleigh Down for our first home match of the 2019-20 season, hopefully you are not too bleary-eyed after an early World Cup start this morning! Although today's visitors are familiar opposition, this is the first league meeting between the two sides for over 25 years. We think that the last time we met in a league fixture was in the old Devon 2A in 1991-92! Since then the two clubs have done their best to avoid each other. Whilst Argaum spent much of the 1990s/2000s in the lower reaches of Devon 2 and 3, OPM were often plying their trade in Cornwall/Devon and even, at one point, Western Counties West. During Argaum's rise in the last 10 years, OPM were relegated from Cornwall/Devon just as Argaum got promoted into it.

The two clubs have had a long relationship dating back to 1926-27 when seven Argaum players left the club to form the new OPMs side including one George Wakeham, later to become President of both Plymouth Albion and Devon RFU. The annual Boxing Day Match has been in place since 1935. OPM are of course very familiar with our clubhouse having utilised the facilities in the late 1980s and early 1990s before relaunching themselves at the King George V playing fields.

Let's hope the long hiatus between competitive matches at first team level has been worth the wait, rest assured that whatever the result there will be a good chance for old friends to catch up in the clubhouse bar afterwards.

A reminder that our next home league fixture is not until 19th October when we welcome Tamar Saracens, this will also be our VP day.

Devon 1 League Table – Round 1

Whilst the Chiefs were picking up a bonus point win last Saturday at New Cross, today's opposition overcame Old Techs in a typically competitive derby encounter at Elburton.

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	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	Bonus pts	Adjust
Exeter Saracens	1	1	0	0	66	5	61	5	1	0
Withycombe	1	1	0	0	46	10	36	5	1	0
Dartmouth	1	1	0	0	26	7	19	5	1	0
Plymouth Argaum	1	1	0	0	34	19	15	5	1	0
Tamar Saracens	1	1	0	0	26	13	13	5	1	0
Old Plymothian & Mannamedian	1	1	0	0	25	14	11	4	0	0
Old Technicians	1	0	0	1	14	25	-11	0	0	0
Ilfracombe	1	0	0	1	13	26	-13	0	0	0
New Cross	1	0	0	1	19	34	-15	0	0	0
Totnes	1	0	0	1	7	26	-19	0	0	0
Buckfastleigh Ramblers	1	0	0	1	10	46	-36	0	0	0
Torrington	1	0	0	1	5	66	-61	0	0	0

Our Bridgette

Huge congratulations are in order for our own Bridgette Raymont who was named as one of three winners in the annual **Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer of the Year Awards**, which were held at Twickenham last weekend.



Bridgette with RFU Chief Executive Bill Sweeney

As you know Bridgette has helped to transform the clubhouse and its surroundings, organising the clearing of the fly-tipping, redecorating inside and out. This has enabled us to create additional secure car parking space and the beer garden. Players will be familiar with the legendary after-match meals after 'Bridge' also took on this role for senior and junior matches.

"I was really taken aback," she said. "The room was full of people who all do amazing things for their clubs so I was genuinely shocked and overwhelmed. What an honour – just amazing." She added: "I only really got involved because the club was experiencing problems and I could see that they could do with help. So I just got in there and got on with it, but that's it now – I'm married to the place!"

Winners were treated to a stay in London and tours of England's training base at Pennyhill Park (conducted by James Haskell) and Twickenham Stadium. Bridgette's prize included a crystal trophy and the use of a Mitsubishi car for a year. I'm sure you'll agree the recognition is richly deserved for a magnificent volunteer.

Forthcoming Matches

Saturday 28th September 2019 – Old Technicians (A) Devon 1

Saturday 5th October 2019 – Withycombe (A) Devon 1

Saturday 12th October 2019 – Plympton Victoria (A) Devon Junior Cup

Saturday 19th October 2019 – Tamar Saracens (H) Devon 1 – VP Day